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FROM EMBASSY CAPE TOWN

E.O. 12356: N/A
 TAGS: PREL, SF
 SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER
 BOTHA

REF: STATE 191105

1. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO DRAW DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO A NUMBER OF FACTUAL INACCURACIES CONTAINED IN THE WOLPE ET AL CONGRESSIONAL LETTER (REF) TO PRIME MINISTER BOTHA. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO DRAW ATTENTION OF CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORS TO FOLLOWING PRESENTATION OF ACTUAL REALITY.

2. -- ARREST OF UDF MEMBERS: FOURTEEN UDF MEMBERS WERE BRIEFLY DETAILED (FOR LESS THAN TWELVE HOURS) FOR DEFACING DURBAN MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY AFFIXING POSTERS TO BUILDINGS. TWENTY-NINE OTHER UDF MEMBERS WERE ARRESTED FOR HOLDING AN OPEN-AIR MEETING WITHOUT A PERMIT. ALL HAVE BEEN RELEASED ON NOMINAL BOND AND FURTHER COURT HEARINGS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED. THE UDF'S ONE-MILLION SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN HAS CONTINUED IN A LARGELY UNHAMPERED FASHION.

3. -- TRANSVAAL INDIAN CONGRESS (TIC) PAMPHLET BANNING: THE COURTS HAVE LIFTED THE BAN PREVIOUSLY IMPOSED ON THE TIC PAMPHLET, ENABLING TIC TO CONTINUE THEIR ANTI-PARTICIPATION CAMPAIGN.

4. -- PARTICIPATION IN ANC ACTIVITIES: AS FAR AS THE EMBASSY KNOWS, NO CURRENTLY LEGAL ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH "PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS," ALTHOUGH INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS BARBARA HOGAN HAVE

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BEEN CONVICTED UNDER SUCH A STATUTE,
REMEMBERING THAT THE ANC IS AN ILLEGAL
ORGANIZATION UNDER SOUTH AFRICAN LAW.

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